

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JUNE 22, 1961

This regularly adjourned meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 p.m. of Thursday, June 22, 1961. Councilmen Brown, Katzakian, Mitchell, Ullmann and Culbertson (Mayor) present; none absent.

Also present: City Manager Graves, Admin. Asst. Carlton, City Attorney Mullen and Planning Director Rodgers.

MINUTES                      Minutes of June 7 and June 14, 1961 were approved as written and mailed on motion of Councilman Katzakian, Brown second.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

DOWNTOWN  
PARKING

Mr. Lyle Wright, 105 South School Street, stated that some of the merchants in the Downtown Parking District wished to provide free parking for their customers by having the meters on the off-street parking lots hooded or the heads removed. The parking lots at the present time bring an annual revenue of approximately \$11,000 and the merchants would agree to pay the City \$1,250 per month, or an annual amount of \$15,000, to have the meters hooded. An opinion has been received from the City's bonding attorneys that the hooding of the meters in exchange for an agreement to produce \$1,250 per month would not be a violation of the legal requirements of the bond indenture that the lots produce revenues, as the absence of meter revenues would be compensated for by the agreement revenues, and that at least for a limited period of time it would not be a violation of the covenant to preserve and protect the security of the Parking District bonds. Mr. Wright asked the Council to approve the idea of accepting this type of revenue in lieu of meter revenue. He stated that he was speaking in behalf of a minority of the merchants in the District, but that he wished to have the Council's approval before canvassing other merchants for their support. He said that free parking would induce people to shop in the downtown area. The merchants' plan was to have a two-hour limit on the lots with hourly checking by the Police Department. Councilman Katzakian was of the opinion that the public was used to the meters and that if the meter heads were removed or hooded for a few months and then put back in operation, there would be complaints from the public. Mr. Wright said the merchants would want a test period of at least one year. Mr. Joe Newfield, Sr., also spoke in favor of the proposal, stating that other communities have put in free parking and increased business, that being able to advertise that free parking is available is an asset, and that he has lost sales because of the meters. The Council agreed to study the proposition submitted and to give a decision at an early date.

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# COMMUNICATIONS

CHIAPPE ADDITION  
RES. NO. 2450 ADOPTED  
Petition from Maurice O. Ray, Jr., for the annexation of 13 acres to be known as the "Chiappe Addition" was presented. The boundaries thereof were approved by the County Boundary Commission on June 13, 1961. On motion of Councilman Katzakian, Mitchell second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 2450, Resolution of intention to annex the Chiappe Addition and setting public hearing thereon for August 2, 1961.

FIRE FIGHTERS SALARIES  
The City Manager acknowledged receipt of the request from Lodi Fire Fighters (AFL-CIO) for a 25% salary increase. The Fire Fighters feel that the present method of determining wage scales is invalid and that their salaries should be in line with Stockton and Sacramento rather than with other cities in California of comparable population as presently used. Mr. Graves stated that he has not made a salary survey this year as, in line with the Council's policy, surveys are made after salaries in other cities have been set. Councilman Brown moved that the request of the fire fighters be referred to the City Manager and that a complete survey of salaries for all employees be made and presented to the Council by September. Motion seconded by Councilman Katzakian and carried unanimously.

# REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

CLAIMS  
Claims in the amount of \$125,109.59 were approved on motion of Councilman Brown, Mitchell second.

STREET DEFICIENCIES REPORT  
The Council then reviewed the street deficiencies report, copies of which had been sent to each member of the Council. On motion of Councilman Mitchell, Ullmann second, the Council approved and accepted the report.

NATHAN MOBILE PARK  
Mr. Graves reported that after discussing with the City Attorney the proposal of William Nathan to sign an agreement to pay for street improvement at such time as the street is ready for improvement in connection with the annexation and development of 7½ acres as a mobile park, the conclusion was reached that (1) such an agreement is not provided for under the subdivision ordinance, (2) an agreement of this type is only as good as the individual signing it and the City would not be able to collect any money if the property owner did not have it, and (3) the policy of the City in the past has been to require a cash deposit or bond even in those instances where it has been a hardship to the property owner. The Council reiterated its stand taken at the meeting of June 14 that Mr. Nathan would be required to make a deposit for the street improvement or to post a bond to cover the cost if his proposal to pay at the time the street was brought up to standard were not feasible. Therefore, Mr. Nathan is to submit either cash or bond for the street improvement.

RENTAL OF 125 N. STOCKTON  
Mr. Graves presented a request from the Lodi Farm Employment Service that they be permitted to rent the old Employment Office building at 125 North Stockton Street for a period of three months

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commencing August 1, 1961. He recommended that the building be rented since it is not being used at the present time. The Farm Employment Service had rented the building for three months in 1960 at \$100 per month. On motion of Councilman Mitchell, Katzakian second, the Council approved leasing the building at 125 North Stockton Street to the Lodi Farm Employment Service at \$100 a month for three months commencing August 1.

#### ORDINANCES

SPEED LIMITS ON TURNER, LOCKEFORD AND CALAVERAS  
ORD. NO. 695  
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 695, entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 202 OF ORDINANCE NO. 493 ENTITLED 'AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LODI REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS ...' BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS DECREASING THE STATE SPEED LIMIT ON PORTIONS OF TURNER ROAD, LOCKEFORD STREET AND CALAVERAS STREET," having been introduced at the regular meeting of June 7, 1961, was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Katzakian, Brown second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - BROWN, KATZAKIAN, MITCHELL, ULLMANN and CULBERTSON

NOES: Councilmen - NONE

ABSENT: Councilmen - NONE

BUS FRANCHISE TERMINATED  
ORD. NO. 696  
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 696 entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 681 ENTITLED 'GRANTING TO ANDREW MEHRER, DOING BUSINESS AS LODI TRANSIT SYSTEM, A FRANCHISE TO CONDUCT, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE ON REGULAR SCHEDULES, INTRA MUNICIPAL MOTOR BUS LINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS AND THEIR HAND BAGGAGE FOR HIRE, WHOLLY WITHIN THE CITY OF LODI, CALIFORNIA,'" having been introduced at the regular meeting of June 7, 1961, was brought up for passage on motion of Councilman Brown, Ullmann second. Second reading was omitted after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - BROWN, KATZAKIAN, MITCHELL, ULLMANN and CULBERTSON

NOES: Councilmen - NONE

ABSENT: Councilmen - NONE

#### CONGRATULATIONS

SAFETY AWARD

Communication from Robert McCarthy, Director of the State Department of Motor Vehicles, congratulating the City for outstanding accomplishments in traffic safety as evidenced by the award from the National Safety Council. Councilman Mitchell moved that the letter be forwarded to the employees responsible for the award. Motion was seconded by Councilman Brown and carried unanimously.

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1961-62 BUDGET

City Manager Graves reviewed the increases and decreases in the expenditure series and then proceeded to the operating budget commencing with that of the Council-City Clerk. In discussing Special Payments he stated that the same amount was put in the budget as had been appropriated the previous year as that was a part of the budget on which he did not make any recommendation.

The Chamber of Commerce was asking for the same amount it had requested for the previous year, i.e., \$5,500 of which \$1,500 was for Christmas decorations. The Council approved the Chamber request and \$1,500 for the Grape Festival Association, as well as \$1,050 for the annual audit which amount was in accordance with a 3-year contract the City has with McCandless and Soderbery.

Mr. Orwin Dow, President of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Jr. Chamber had not expected to have any projects which would be of an advertising nature until last week when they were notified that bids would be taken on Jaycee State Bowling finals. He said that the local club wished to submit a bid and that they would have to go to Santa Monica to do so. The costs in connection with submitting the bid would be around \$500 and Mr. Dow stated that any amount the Council could give would be appreciated. He reported that if they were successful in getting the bid for Lodi, the costs would increase, but that the tournament would be held in the following fiscal year. The Council agreed to appropriate \$500 for the Jr. Chamber and if the club were successful in obtaining the bid, the Council would help out in 1962-63.

The City Manager then read a letter from the San Joaquin County Safety Council requesting \$1,000 to help support its activities for the coming fiscal year; he also read a letter from the local Safety Council endorsing the request. Mayor Culbertson asked what progress had been made toward obtaining support from industries, and Mr. Loren Powell, Secretary-Manager of the County Safety Council, stated that the Safety Council was endeavoring to get the industries to contribute at least two-thirds of the funds but that it would take five or six years to reach this goal. The Council approved \$1,000 for the San Joaquin County Safety Council.

Mr. Otto Dockter spoke in behalf of the Lodi Family Service Agency which had been started with a \$18,000 grant from the Federal Government about a year ago; however, no further funds would be coming from that source and in order to continue, the Agency would have to solicit funds elsewhere. The Council decided that it could not legally contribute to this organization, but that the Agency was doing a worthwhile service and should be supported by the people of the community on a voluntary basis.

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ORD. NO. 697  
INTRODUCED

The Council then discussed the operating budgets of the various departments, approving the recommendations of the City Manager. Concerning the Library budget, the Council felt that \$4,000 for preliminary plans was premature and removed that item from the budget. On motion of Councilman Mitchell, Katzakian second, the Council introduced Ordinance No. 697 adopting a budget for 1961-62 as recommended by the City Manager including the changes made at the meeting of June 14 and those above mentioned.

On motion of Councilman Brown the Council adjourned.



ATTEST: BEATRICE GARIBALDI  
City Clerk